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National Flag at Meenambakkam Air Port

* 2065 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the National Flag in the Meenambakkam Air Port was pulled down recently by sympathizers and supporters of a political party; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken against the offenders?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Crimes (increase in incidence in Tiruchirappalli district)

* 2067 *Q.*—SRI N. MARUDACHALAM (on behalf of SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that crimes such as house-breaking and theft are on the increase in the areas of Thillai Nagar, Tennur and Woriyur in Tiruchirappalli district;

(*b*) the number of crimes registered by the Police in Woriyur Police station limits, during the twelve months preceding 30th June 1961; and

(*c*) the number of crimes detected?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir. The crimes such as house-breaking and theft are on a par with the figures of last year in the areas of Thillai Nagar, Tennur and Woriyur in Tiruchirappalli district.

(*b*) 51.

(*c*) 27.

Ferry Service (Dhanushkodi–Talaimannar)

* 2071 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have recommended to the Union Government for the continuation of the ferry service between Dhanushkodi and Talaimannar; and

(*b*) if so, the reply received from the Union Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The Railway Board and the General Manager, Southern Railway were addressed in the matter.

(*b*) The General Manager, Southern Railway, has furnished the following information received by him from the Railway Board :—

" In view of the heavy losses being incurred on running the ferry service and also in view of sea erosion at Dhanushkodi, it was decided in consultation with the Ministry of Transport and Communications that the Eastern Shipping Corporation which is

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wholly Government-owned undertaking should run a passenger-*cum*-cargo service between Tuticorin and Colombo in replacement of the Dhanushkodi and Talaimannar ferry service. However, as the Eastern Shipping Corporation are not in a position to start a ferry service between Tuticorin and Colombo immediately, there is a proposal under consideration to hand over the existing assets of the Dhanushkodi–Talaimannar ferry service to the Eastern Shipping Corporation to run the service at present between Talaimannar and Dhanushkodi and later between Tuticorin and Colombo or otherwise as expedient to them. No final decision in the matter has so far been taken."

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Since this is the only link between Talaimannar and Dhanushkodi, will the Government insist on continuing this service in spite of the Railway Board incurring some losses in the interest of the public?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No doubt this is the only link between Talaimannar and Dhanushkodi. But this is not the only link between the Madras State and Ceylon. There are other links, for instance, Tuticorin to Colombo, Point Calimere to Kangeyanthurai. It is only 30 miles. But the Railway feel that this results in loss and cannot be improved and then again there is trouble of erosion in the Dhanushkodi peer. Therefore I cannot give an assurance to the hon. Member. But I would prevail on the Railway Board to continue this service irrespective of the losses.

Watchmen in Government Agricultural Farm, Coimbatore district (Holidays).

* 2073 *Q.*—**SRI N. MARUDACHALAM** : கனம் உள்துறை அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

கோயம்புத்தூர் மாவட்டத்திலுள்ள அரசினர் விவசாயப் பண்ணைகளில் வேலை செய்யும் காவலாளிகளுக்கு அரசாங்க விடுமுறைகள் அளிக்கப்பட்டனவா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Director of Agriculture has been addressed on the subject and his reply is awaited.

SRI N. MARUDACHALAM : சர்க்கார் விவசாயப் பண்ணைகளிலே 'கூர்க்கா' ஜாதியினர்களுக்கு மாத்திரம் அந்த சலுகைகள் கொடுக்கப்படுகின்றன. மற்ற காவலாளிகளுக்கு அரசாங்க விடுமுறைகள் கொடுக்கப்படாதது உண்மைதானா? அப்படி கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை என்றால், அவர்களுக்குக் கொடுப்பதற்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : விவசாய டைரக்டரை இதைப்பற்றி தகவல் கேட்டிருக்கிறேன். தகவல் வராமல், வேறு எதுவும் சொல்லுவதற்கு இல்லை.